

CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CASTLEREAGH MACQUARIE COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE LIGHTNING RIDGE BOWLING CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM

PRESENT: Clrs M.Webb (Chairman), P. Shinton, B. Fisher, I. Woodcock, M.Martinez, R.Lewis and G. Peart.

ABSENT: Clrs **D. Batten, A. Brewer and M. Beach**

Staff Members: D. Ramsland (General Manager) and A. Fletcher (Senior Weeds Officer)

1. **WELCOME:** Clr Webb welcomed all councillors and staff to the meeting.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Clr D. Batten, A. Brewer and M. Beach.

09/18/1 Resolved:

That apologies from D.Batten, A. Brewer and M.Beach be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

Moved: Clr Fisher
Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- Nil**
4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

09/18/2 Resolved:

That the minutes of the Castlereagh Macquarie County Council meeting held at Coonabarabran on Monday 25 March, 2018, having been circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Clr Shinton
Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

5.1 – Access to GIS data.

Contact has been made with the constituent councils to access up to date data from each council's GIS data base.

5.2 – Letters to State Agencies

Once Council has access to the latest GIS data base for each agency, contact will be made to arrange to gain access for regular inspection purposes

5.3 – Regulations relating to the transportation of hay/fodder

The regulations for the transportation of hay/fodder vary from state to state. Once the drought breaks Council will need to educate landholders to identify new or unfamiliar weed incursions and monitor the outcomes of control measures.

6. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Owing to the fact that the Chairman has been away in Sydney receiving medical treatment there was no Chairman's Report presented to the meeting

Item 7.1 Reconciliation Certificates 30 June, 2018, 31 July, 2018 and 31 August, 2018,

Recommendation: That the Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 June, 2018, 31 July, 2018 and 31 August, 2018 be received and noted.

09/18/3 Resolved:

That the Bank Reconciliations as at 30 June, 2018, 31 July, 2018 and 31 August, 2018, be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Lewis

Carried

Item 7.2 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – Period Ended 29 June, 2018

Recommendation: That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 29 June, 2018 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

09/18/4 Resolved:

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 29 June, 2018 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

Moved: Clr Martinez

Seconded: Clr Fisher

Carried

Item 7.3. Annual Financial Statements – 2017/18

Recommendation:

1. The Draft Annual Financial Reports for 2017/18 be referred to Council's Auditor.
2. The Chairperson, another Councillor, the General Manager and Finance Officer be authorised to sign the necessary Financial Statements.

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3. On receipt of the Audited Report, a copy be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
4. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to set the date at which the Auditor's Report and the Financial Statements be presented to the public, additionally to be reviewed/adopted by Council as formally required, subject to Section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993 and its requirements

09/18/5 Resolved:

1. **The Draft Annual Financial Reports for 2017/18 be referred to Council's Auditor.**
2. **The Chairperson, another Councillor, the General Manager and Finance Officer be authorised to sign the necessary Financial Statements.**
3. **On receipt of the Audited Report, a copy be forwarded to the Office of Local Government and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.**
4. **Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to set the date at which the Auditor's Report and the Financial Statements be presented to the public, additionally to be reviewed/adopted by Council as formally required, subject to Section 418 of the Local Government Act 1993 and its requirements**

Moved: Clr Woodcock

Seconded: Clr Peart

Carried

Item 7.4 Review - Organisational Action Plan – September, 2018

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the General Manager's report in respect of the progress being made in respect of the revised Organisational Action Plan and endorse the action taken so far.

09/18/6 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the General Manager's report in respect of the progress being made in respect of the revised Organisational Action Plan and endorse the action taken so far.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Woodcock

Carried

Item 7.5 Quarterly Budget Review Statement – Period Ended 31 August, 2018

Recommendation: That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 August, 2018 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

09/18/7 Resolved:

That the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 31 August, 2018 be received and noted and the recommended variations to the revised budget as detailed in the attached statement be adopted.

Moved: Clr Fisher

Seconded: Clr Lewis

Carried

Item 7.6 Review of Council's Insurances – 2018/19

Recommendation: That the action taken to review and renew Council's insurance policies be endorsed and appropriate adjustments be made to Council's budget where required.

09/18/8 Resolved:

That the action taken to review and renew Council's insurance policies be endorsed and appropriate adjustments be made to Council's budget where required.

Moved: Clr Peart

Seconded: Clr Fisher

Carried

Item 7.7 CMCC Work Health and Safety (WH&S) – 2018/19

Recommendation: That the General Manager's Report in respect of the StateCover self-audit process be received and noted.

09/18/9 Resolved:

That the General Manager's Report in respect of the StateCover self-audit process be received and noted.

Moved: Clr Shinton

Seconded: Clr Fisher

Carried

Item 7.8. Matters for Brief Mention or Generally for Information Only

Recommendation: That the five issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager's report to the September, 2018 meeting be received and noted.

09/18/10 Resolved:

That the five issues for brief mention or information only as detailed in the General Manager's report to the September, 2018 meeting be received and noted and Council approach the North West LLS to retain an independent Chairperson for the Hudson Pear Taskforce and for the position to be funded from Council's annual WAP funding allocation

**Moved: Clr Fisher
Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

Carried

8. SENIOR WEEDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Item 8.1. Senior Weeds Officer's Report

Recommendation: That Council receive and note the Senior Weeds Officer's Report.

09/18/11 Resolved:

That Council receive and note the Senior Weeds Officer's report for September, 2018

**.Moved: Clr Webb
Seconded: Clr Woodcock**

Carried

No Weeds Officers' reports were available because of technical difficulties with new reporting tablets.

9. CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Move into Confidential Committee

09/18/12 Resolved:

That at 10.30 am Council move into Confidential session and that the public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 10A (2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993 on the basis that the matters being considered are in relation to matters that are commercial in confidence

**Moved: Clr Webb
Seconded: Clr Fisher**

Carried

9.1 Submissions in relation to Weeds Control Funding post Drought Conditions

Councillor Woodcock left the meeting at 10.55 am and did not return

09/18/13 Recommendation:

1. That an estimate be prepared for the cost of treating and monitoring 1000 ha over a five year period as a basis for future grant applications.
2. Council issue an invitation to the Federal and State Ministers for Agriculture through our local members to inspect weed control problems in respect of key parts of the County area.
3. If possible the inspections be undertaken before the drought breaks.
4. The inspections be held before Christmas in the November/December period.
5. A motion be prepared and submitted for consideration at the NSWLG Annual Conference seeking funding on an industry wide basis to combat new weed issues which arise because of the import of hay/fodder from other areas including interstate during the drought.

Moved: Carried

9.2 Move out of Confidential Committee

09/18/14 Resolved:

That Council move out of Confidential Committee at 10.58 am

**Moved: Clr Martinez
Seconded: Clr Peart**

Carried

9. Adoption of Confidential Committee Recommendation

09/18/15 Resolved:

That Council adopt the Committee recommendation:

1. That an estimate be prepared for the average cost of treating and monitoring 1000 ha parcel of land over a five-year period as a basis for future grant applications.
2. Council issue an invitation to the Federal and State Ministers for Agriculture, through our local members, to inspect major weed control problems in respect of key parts of the County area.
3. If possible the inspections be undertaken before the drought breaks.
4. That the inspections be held before Christmas in the November/December period
5. A motion be prepared and submitted for consideration at the NSWLG Annual Conference seeking funding on an industry wide basis to combat new weed issues which arise because of the import of hay/fodder from other areas including interstate during the drought.

**Moved: Clr Peart
Seconded: Clr Martinez**

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

MEETING

The next meeting is now scheduled for Monday 19 November, 2018 at Coonamble.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11.03 am

To be confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 19 November, 2018.

CHAIRMAN

GENERAL MANAGER

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